

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by  
Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

### ***From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob***

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Hallelujah!!! He is risen!!! I know, it sounds like I'm a week late: Easter was last week. But this is Easter Season. For the Church and in religious context, the season is not the period that precedes a holiday, as in the commercial world, but the period that follows a holiday or Holy Day.

Just as we celebrated Lent for six weeks before Easter, now, after Easter, we will have six weeks of Easter Season. This season ends with Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and all believers, giving them, and us, the courage to go out and proclaim the truth that Jesus Christ is God, that He suffered, died, and rose again, and that He did all of this because of His love for us.

Okay, so what does this have to do with real life? While I'm here on earth, I'm struggling with real physical problems, no heat, a car that doesn't work that I need to get to work and can't afford to fix, pains in my body from illness, age, or disease, no money, family issues of all kinds, and many other real problems. How is God's love helping me here and now?

Is He going to make my heat turn on, or pay my oil bill? Is He going to fix my car? Cure my illness or pain, or my problems with drugs, alcohol or kids? Good, valid questions. I have one for you. Did you ask Him to? Or did you just complain about it? There is a difference.

As Jesus said in the Gospel, there were many lepers in Israel, but Elisha heals a foreigner. That foreigner believed that God could help him, and asked for God's help. He didn't go to Elisha and ask Elisha what he should do. He asked people he knew, his servants, and listened to their suggestions.

God didn't work a miracle to have Naaman go to Elisha. He used people. You have many people around you who can be a resource for you to help find a solution for your problems. Use the resources. Let the priest and deacon know you need help. Let some people in the parish know you need help. God works in mysterious ways. It might be nice if God would come down and work an obvious miracle. The oil tank is suddenly full and stays full all year, and the furnace works perfectly. Your car is suddenly changed into a new car, or all your aches and pains go away and stay away with you doing nothing different.

That could happen. But, more likely, God will use His creation that He has made available to you, to solve your problems, if you just ask Him, in sincere prayer of petition, hoping that this will work, but praying earnestly anyway, and then opening yourself up the possibilities that are all around you. That is God working in you, just as He worked in the Apostles.

God bless you.

#### **RESERVED MASSES:**

<b>Sun 4/10</b>	8:00 a.m.	Ed Andreassen <i>Req. by Peter &amp; Ann Tomasino</i>
<b>Sat 4/17</b>	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary remembrance of Nancy & Joe Davi <i>Req. by Judy Snyder</i>

#### **COMMUNION SERVICES:**

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

**Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.**

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, "If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil." If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will try to arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them. Call him at 845-706-1035.

### CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I'm sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me, Deacon Bob, their names. With the help of other parishioners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this. It was good to see so many people I have not seen for a while at the Easter Mass. It reminded me again that there are many people who could be served by home Communion ministry, first by contacting them and then by bringing them Communion.

### JACK ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the next several months we will be collecting loose change at St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. John's. This spring we will be accepting applications from graduating seniors from these parishes who will be continuing their education. If you are interested in mailing in a donation, please send it to: St. John's Jack Rose Scholarship, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Thank you!

### COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

### FOOD PANTRY

We had our first day of food pantry service last Saturday, Holy Saturday. I do not have a report on number of people served, but will have more details in the coming weeks. If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be Libby Salerno. Next week, Deacon Bob will be assisting.

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### ATTENDANCE

On March 27, Palm Sunday, we had 60 people at 5:30 Mass. On Easter, April 4, we had 104 people at the 8 AM Mass.

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Thank you to all the people who helped prepare the church for Easter. The flowers were beautiful, and the altar was adorned as well. The smell of the lilies added so much to the sense of wonder, joy, and grace. (Unless you're allergic to strong smells.) Thank you again to everyone who helped get St. John's ready for the Risen Lord.

### 2021 ANNUAL HOLY NAME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

St. Mary of the Snow-St. Joseph's Holy Name Society will be awarding three scholarships to graduating seniors of St. Mary of the Snow & St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, Centerville. (Must be an active parishioner) Applications are available in the church as well as in the foyer of the Parish Center on Cedar Street. Applications are to be returned to Mr. Thomas A. Resso by May 31, 2021. Please mail the application to: 2038 Route 32, Saugerties, NY 12477.

### CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially-marked bags so that St. John's gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford's yourself. Or leave it in the shed. Thank you for your continued support. This does help in our outreach.



### **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Frances Riccio, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore, Jill Trees **To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333**